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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Dieter Hermeling et al.

Application No.: 10/532,279

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Art Unit: 1794

For: Ultra-Thin Materials Made
from Fibre and Superabsorbent

Examiner: Jennifer A. Steele

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
EXAMINER'S ANSWER DATED JUNE 10, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

On June 15, 2009, appellants received a substitute Examiner's Answer resulting from an Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner. Appellants previously filed a Reply Brief on April 20, 2009, which was entered into the application on May 21, 2009.

Because the substance of the substitute Examiner's Answer is identical to the original Examiner's Answer issued in this case, and because appellants' prior Reply Brief has been entered, appellants assume that a substitute Reply Brief does not have to be filed, and that the Reply Brief filed on April 20, 2009 will be considered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

If this assumption is incorrect, appellants request that the Reply Brief filed on April 20, 2009 serves as a substitute Reply Brief in response to the substitute Examiner's Answer.

Dated: July 2, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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